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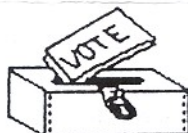
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## \* SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION SEPTEMBER 27 \*

### NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

#### SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL COUNCIL SEAT-

The resignation of Council person Holly Wieland has left a vacant seat on the Trappe Town Council. A recently passed charter amendment provides that vacancies on the Council shall be filled by special election. Although the amendment did not become effective until after Ms. Wieland's resignation, Council President Robert Quidas and Councilman Robert Croswell agreed not to fill the vacancy by appointment. At their August meeting, they passed an ordinance establishing procedures for a special election to be held on Tuesday Sept. 27. The poles will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.



Two candidates will be contending for the vacant seat. They are Donald English and Edgar Harrison. Mr. English is the Town's zoning administrator; Mr. Harrison is the chairman of the Trappe Zoning Appeals Board. Both candidates are longtime residents of the Town of Trappe. Both are well positioned to be aware of the problems and issues facing our town.

The *Index* will not endorse one candidate over the other. The Commissioners urge all eligible voters to find out as much as possible about each candidate's platform and be sure to vote on Sept. 27.

**STREET PAVING BEGINS-** Residents of Harrison Circle and Laurwayn Drive are enjoying their newly resurfaced streets. Developer Rumsey Seymour has been asked to make much needed repairs to Marvel Drive. Main Street residents will have to wait until the State Highway Administration completes the necessary design and funding work before any construction can begin on that street. Main Street is a State road. Plans are being made to repair sidewalks on Maple Ave. and Powell Ave. from the Methodist church to Main Street.

#### FUTURE OF *THE INDEX*

**UNDECIDED-** *The Index*, as the monthly news letter of the Trappe Town Council, began as a project of Commissioner Holly Wieland during the summer of '93.

The Commissioners wish to thank Mrs. Wieland for her many contributions to this project. If *The Index* is to continue, more help is needed! Individuals are needed to write Town Council news, Planning Commission news, and community news. Other areas where help is needed include, editing, layout, computer publishing, folding, and labeling. If you are willing to help with any of these tasks, please contact the Town Office at 476-3170.



**WATER BILLS PAID-** Scheduled July 1st. water cutoffs were narrowly averted when the last of the delinquent accounts were either paid or placed on a payment schedule. The Commissioners appreciate those who pay their accounts promptly.

**DOG LITTER UNWELCOME!** The Commissioners continue to receive numerous complaints about thoughtless individuals who allow their pets to "answer the calls of nature" on their neighbor's lawn or shrubbery. Residents are reminded that animals may not be permitted to roam at large. Pet owners who walk their dogs are reminded to respect property rights of others.



#### WATER CODE CHANGES-

The Commissioners have passed a number of changes to the Town Code relating to water and sewer policies and regulations. The complete text of the amendment package is available for public inspection at the Town Office. Water users should note the following major code changes:

\* Late charges will be 6% per qtr. (24% per year) on the unpaid water **and** sewer charges.

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- \* Water users who own more than one building can expect to see a separate billing for each building.
- \* New water services must have a backflow prevention device and be "meter ready".
- \* Certain commercial and high volume water users are now required to have metered services.
- \* **All** hose faucets (new and existing) are now required to have a vacuum breaker backflow preventer installed. These devices are available from hardware, building, and plumbing supply stores and are user installable. The devices, which greatly reduce the possibility of contaminated water entering the public water supply, are available locally (Easton) for under \$5.00.

Residents who have questions about the code requirements should contact Commissioner Croswell at 476-3939.

**WASTEWATER STUDY COMPLETED** - The engineering firm of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. has just completed a comprehensive study of the Trappe wastewater facilities. The study was commissioned to determine the most cost effective way to bring the wastewater treatment plant into compliance with State regulations and to provide enough additional capacity to meet the anticipated growth needs of the Town for the next 20 years. The necessary improvements will come with a price tag of more than \$1,000,000 !

### NEW WATER TOWER COMING SOON!

The Commissioners are working out the final details of a contract with Maintenance Services, Inc. of Newark, Delaware for the purchase and erection of a reconditioned 250,000 gallon water tower. The tower was originally erected in Florida and was designed to withstand hurricane force winds. The tank is currently being sand blasted and completely reconditioned at a corrosion control specialist in New Jersey. Erection should begin as soon as soil load bearing tests are completed and State permits issued.



**AUDIT COMPLETE** - The annual audit of the Town's financial records has been completed. The independent auditors' report is available for public inspection at the Town Office during normal business hours.

**PARKING PERMIT REQUIRED** - Operators of commercial vehicles are advised that parking in a residential area is restricted. Please contact the Town Office for more information.

**TOWN MEETING OCT. 5-** The next regular meeting of the Trappe Town Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday October 5th. at the Town Hall.

Important decisions affecting the future of our town are made at the monthly Town Meetings. Topics for discussion may range from unwanted foot prints left on someone's car by a stray cat to where to find 2 million dollars to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant. A small group of individuals faithfully attend every town meeting. They have been very helpful in bringing issues to the commissioners attention and often suggesting possible solutions. **Everyone** is welcome and encouraged to attend Town Council meetings!

## ABOUT TOWN

**T.C.A.T HAS A NEW FISCAL AGENT-** Scott's United Methodist Church has agreed to be the new fiscal agent for the Trappe Community Action Team (T.C.A.T.). The Trappe Town Council had been the fiscal agent. T.C.A.T. strives to strengthen community ties and reduce drug and alcohol problems by providing activities where families can work and play together in an alcohol and other drug free environment. The Commissioners wish T.C.A.T. and Scott's Church well in their efforts to make our community a better place for all to work and play.

**NACE'S DAY CELEBRATION OCT. 8** - The annual Nace's Day parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 8th. The parade will be preceded by a service of celebration at Scott's United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. J. W. Henry, pastor of Union United Methodist Church in St. Michaels will be the speaker. Rev. Henry will be accompanied by his gospel choir. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone. All are welcome. The Nace's Day celebration is unique to Trappe; it is a part of our community heritage. Plan to come out and join your friends and neighbors in this historic celebration. For more information, call 476-3530 or 476-3792.

**YARD SALE / FLEA MARKET-** The UMW Martha Circle of the Trappe United Methodist Church will sponsor a yard sale and flea market on Saturday, October 8th. from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Twenty-eight tables will be available at \$10:00 each. Make donations to the circle's tables or rent your own. See Ida Hickman or call 476-3202 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. to make reservations. A light lunch will be served.

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